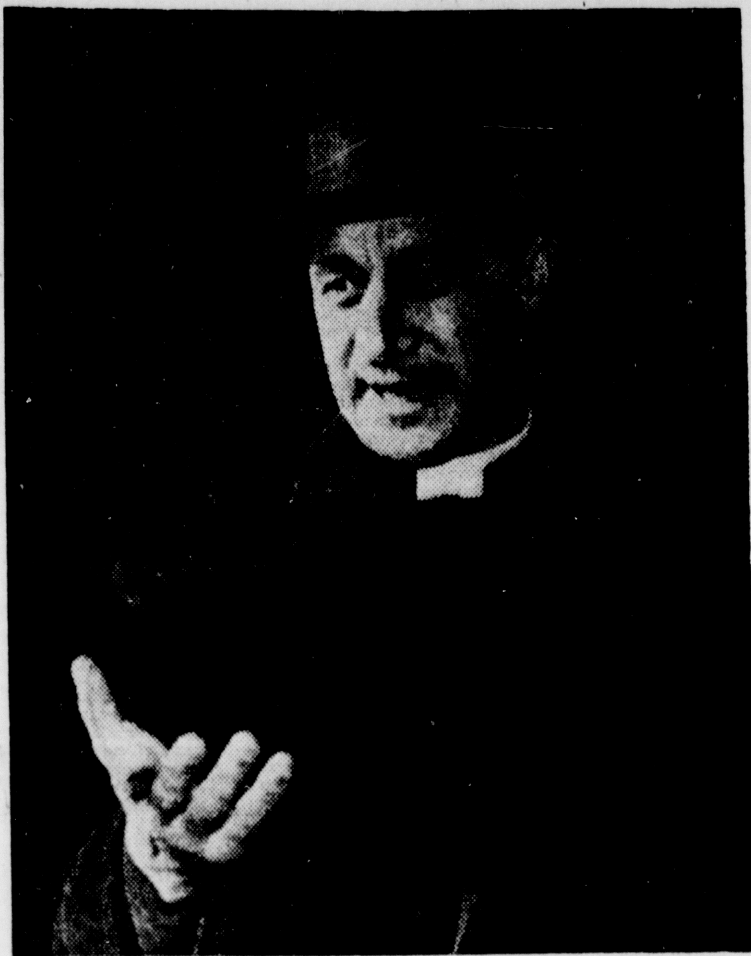


Police Find Getaway Car In Paterson



Father James DeVita who was held prisoner by the thieves.

PATERSON, N.J. (UPI) — The getaway car used by a gang of bandits who ambushed a bank truck at a church rectory and escaped with \$514,000 was found Monday night only a short distance from the robbery scene, police said today.

Police said twine, similar to that used to bind several of the victims in the rectory, and a revolver holster were found in the abandoned car.

Patrolman Michael Greco found the car, just around the corner from the rectory of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church. It had been reported stolen by Eugene Iacovola of Saddle Brook, N.J., on Nov. 7. It bore license plates stolen from the car of William McMaster of Leonia, N.J. He said the plates were taken after he was involved in an auto accident in New York several weeks ago.

The car, a 1964 Chevrolet, had been stolen from its owner several days ago. First descriptions of the getaway car had said it was a Buick.

The only other clue to the identity of the holdupmen who staged one of the richest robberies in American history was a bundle of clothing. Police

said they were "quite sure" the clothing belonged to the bandits.

The Halloween-masked holdupmen handcuffed four Roman Catholic priests and a sexton and then waited calmly for the bank truck to come yesterday morning for the parish's Sunday offering. They disarmed and bound the guards and, possibly assisted by three confederates, loaded the loot into a waiting car and fled within 20 minutes.

The only injury was a bruised ankle received by one of the guards when he was overpowered by one of the gunmen.

The dramatic robbery was executed with calm precision while a Mass was in progress in St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church and mourners were gathering outside awaiting the start of a funeral.

Found Clothes

The clothing — an Army fatigue jacket, a pair of gray trousers and an olive hunting cap with ear flaps—was found in East Side Park, about a mile and a half from St. Anthony's Church in a declining neighborhood of this northern New Jersey industrial community. The

discarded clothes were believed to have been worn by one of the holdupmen.

The only other tangible clue was the description of the getaway car—a 1964 Buick with New York license plates.

A 13-state alarm was out for the three gunmen and three other men authorities believe helped transfer the loot to the getaway car. The FBI also joined in the search.

The stolen cash, small bills awaiting delivery to a number of branch banks, was taken from a paneled delivery truck belonging to the First National Bank of Passaic County.

Professional Job

Investigators described the holdup as the work of "professionals... no fly by nights." A bank official said the stickup men were "pretty damn smart" to have hit the truck on a pre-holiday run when it carried about twice as much money as usual. He said the truck varied its schedule of pickups frequently to avoid such incidents.

The robbery was the biggest in history in the New Jersey. (Continued on Page 8, Col. 5)



Ptl. John Macilwaine examines truck rifled by the thieves yesterday.

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Morrisville
Yardley
Makefield
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The Levittown Times

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Weather

Occasional light rain or snow today. Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Tomorrow, cloudy with light snow.

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FALLS TOWNSHIP TAX HIKES SEEN

Steel Assessment Reduced \$3,034,400

The 1965 assessment on U.S. Steel's Fairless Works was cut \$3,034,400 today, from \$29,539,400 to \$26,505,000.

This could mean a Falls

Township tax hike of one-half mill and a school board increase of four to five mills.

The cut was made by the Bucks County Board of Assessment which reduced the 1965

market value of the giant Falls Township plant from \$99,131,430 to \$88,349,975. Assessment is based on market value.

The decision followed a recent appeal to the board by

U.S. Steel which asked for a reduction in market value of \$59,000,000, and by Falls Township which asked for an increase to \$110,000,000, the 1964 market value figure.

This slash is "a real blow to the taxpayers of Falls Township," Milton Berkes, chairman of the Falls Board of Supervisors said today.

The assessment cut of \$3,000,

000 multiplied by the nine-mill tax rate means an actual tax loss annually of \$27,000, or one-half mill, Berkes said. "If our spending level remains the same, this will have to be made up by a half-mill tax increase."

Harder Hit

The school board will be harder hit, for it will lose approximately \$207,000 a year. This would have to be met with a tax hike of four to five mills. Berkes said the township would probably appeal today's decision.

In making its decision, the board of assessment used as guidelines last summer's decision by Bucks Judge Edwin H. Satterthwaite which resulted in a multi-million-dollar tax

slash for the years 1960 through 1963. The board reduced the valuation to \$88,349,975 after excluding those items which the judge said were not taxable.

The township and the school board have appealed Judge Sat-

terthwaite's ruling and intend to take the case to the state supreme court.

The board of assessment, in today's decision, also relied on the appraisal as given by the firm of Cole - Layer - Trimble.

Others Up Christmas Fund

Township Police Again Give \$200

Goal \$3,000
Given Today 393.07
Given To Date 4,262.70
Beyond The Goal 1,262.70

A \$200 check from the Bristol Township Police Benevolent Association; a can containing pennies, nickels and dimes totaling \$14.80 from Tommy and Danny Henshaw and 50 cents from a little girl who wanted to remain anonymous — were among the donations received today by Give-A-Christmas.

The \$200 gift by the Bristol Township PBA was a repeat of last year's donation.

Fair Collection

The \$14.80 by the Henshaw boys is money they collected in August when they held a fair in their backyard which included penny pitching, dart

games and apple dunking. They had been saving the money for a "worthy cause" and found it in Give-A-Christmas, co-sponsored by the Levittown Kiwanis Club and the Courier-Times.

The 50 cents was donated by the little girl, who said, "Maybe another little girl or boy needs it better than me."

Some little girl or boy does. In one household, there are nine girls and boys. Five of the children lost their mother early this year when she died. They went to live with their grandmother who had four teenage children of her own to care for and an income suitable for four.

Some donations are large, like (Continued on Page 8, Col. 4)

Look For These

Ted Gallagher, Don Sagolla and Lenny Moore are football players. All three make important "contributions" to today's sports section. Pages 14, 15.

How many war criminals are left in Germany; how many Nazi butchers will go unpunished? Page 7.

It was a bonanza year for stamp collectors. See Scoop's column on Page 11.

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2 More Shopping Days Until Christmas

Good Evening!

Just two more shopping days? Tempus fugit.

Now's the time, we guess, for a distress signal to brothers of the PIOUTLM lodge. Maybe Mitch Sanner's listening?

Anyhow, it appears Christmas is going to be white.

If it is (and it will be) mark it up as another little ol' Courier-Times mission accomplished. We've been working on this business ever since Thanksgiving.

But have you noticed? The National Safety Council says between 550 and 650 men, women and children will die on the nation's streets and highways during the long, long holiday weekend.

It seems that one way or another we need the miracle of all miracles to persuade people that the holiday season doesn't have to be one of grief, sorrow, suffering — all of which is completely needless and preventable.

All right, our own Governor Scranton has given the highway safety crackdown word as have our police chiefs throughout Bucks County. Now what is essential is the complete cooperation of everyone who drives a car. Can't we get it?

We see where England's House of Commons overwhelmingly votes to "find the death penalty and chances are excellent that the expression of Commoner will become the law of the land.

Isn't it about time the United States of America scrap this barbaric practice inherited from antiquity and adopt an enlightened philosophy of punishment for crime? Pennsylvania itself is an excellent example of the law being guilty of a capital crime it forbids society of committing.

No wonder today's teen-agers gets mixed up. Half the adults are telling him to "find himself" and the other half are telling him to "get lost."

A playboy is a man consisting of top hat, white lies and tales.

Helping Hand From Thiokol

Twp. 'War On Poverty' Flies To D.C.

By SCOOP LEWIS
Courier-Times Staff Writer

Bristol Township, with a helping hand from Thiokol Chemical Corp., has taken its "war on poverty" direct to the nation's capital.

Yesterday, Township Manager Ronald Z. Zweig and James N. Kline, president of the board of commissioners, flew to Washing-

Heavy Rains Flood Coast

By United Press International

Drenching rains and gales caused the worst floods in years along the Pacific Coast today. Entire towns were evacuated and houses were swept away by the raging waters.

Residents of California's Eel River Canyon said the deluge was worse than the disastrous floods of 1955. Hundreds of families were evacuated from the area. One town was under five feet of water. Flood waters chewed supporting earth from the roots of the canyon's famed redwood trees and many of the giants were likely to topple.

Gales whipped the Columbia River into waves which pounded Astoria, Ore., washing out two 60-foot sections of railroad tracks, collapsing two docks, sinking one barge and capsizing another.

Logs floated over a main highway near Coos Bay, Ore. The waters ruined homes and closed numerous roads.

The storm was blamed for at least two deaths in Oregon, as winter's first full day vented a fury of rain and winds mixed with heavy snow in central Washington and the Sierra, Cascade and Rocky mountains.

The rains hode 50 mile-an-hour winds off the ocean into northern California and Oregon. Highways were cut off and homes flooded by runaway rivers.

The downpour spelled big trouble along the Eel River in California.

ton to "set up shop" for its anti-poverty program.

Using the plush offices of Thiokol in the Hill Building, the township intends to get firsthand information from the federal government on funds to be allocated under the recently enacted Economic Opportunity Act.

Staff At Work

Zweig reported that a staff is already at work preparing the township's first two applications for federal funds. They are expected to be in Washington by Jan. 12.

The first application, he explained, will be for money with which the township can develop its anti-poverty program and to make studies of the area's problems. Funds would also be used to hire people to carry out the program and secure consultants.

The second application will be for the development of the Child Day Care Center to be conducted in Bristol Terrace in a building owned by the Bristol Township School Board.

Confer With Director

While in Washington yesterday, Zweig and Kline conferred with Thomas Cutler, a former Peace Corps volunteer who is director of the Community Action program.

"We gained a lot by our trip yesterday," Zweig reported. He said Cutler was impressed by the "complexion of Bristol Township's anti-poverty program and the type of persons named to the non-profit corporation which will direct the program."

Zweig said the township "profited immensely" by taking its problems to Washington for a pre-application conference with Cutler. "We were able to find out first-hand just what the federal government requires from us when we make our applications."

Other Applications

Aside from the larger cities of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chester, Zweig said Bristol Township is the only other municipality in Pennsylvania which has greatly advanced its pro-

gram. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh already have their applications approved.

Zweig said he expects approval for Bristol Township's (Continued on Page 8, Col. 3)

Return Lost Money Clip

2 Girls Find \$110 —And \$15 Rewards

Two 13-year-old Levittown girls will receive a Christmas present for returning \$110. Clare Marie Powell and Maureen Donahue, both eighth grade students at Queen of the Universe School, will each be awarded \$15 by Edward Loughrey, a salesman at Reedman Motors, Route 1, Middletown Township.

The girls were on their way for a soda about 4:45 p.m. yesterday when they noticed a money clip on the sidewalk in front of the Skyline Pharmacy in the Skyline Shopping Center, Route 413 and Trenton Road, Middletown.

"When they saw the first bill was as high as (Continued on Page 8, Col. 1)

Legislators To Be Freed

'Young Turks' Yield To U.S. Pressure

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI) — South Viet Nam's young generals who dissolved the High National Council Sunday and arrested 22 politicians appeared today to have yielded in the face of strong American pressure.

Although there was no official confirmation, reliable sources said Prime Minister Tran Van Huong has informed families of the arrested legislators to expect their release as early as Wednesday.

These sources said the release of the High National Councilors would mean that a final compromise has been worked out between the South Vietnamese government, the American

Embassy and the "young turk" generals.

American Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor was reported earlier to have told the South Vietnamese, including the generals, that the U.S. would suspend aid unless the council was reinstated.

Holds No Meetings

As evidence of this strong U.S. attitude, Taylor held no meetings at all with any Vietnamese today, according to an embassy spokesman.

Taylor brought back a presidential promise of more economic and military aid for Viet Nam's anti-Communist war ef- (Continued on Page 8, Col. 6)

Alert! Roads Icy Tonight

A mixture of light snow and rain kept Lower Bucks motorists "on the alert" today as overnight temperatures in the mid 20s were expected to slicken area roads and streets.

The Trenton Weather Bureau reported "no snow accumulation" was expected today since temperatures were above the freezing mark. At 1 p.m., the thermometer reading was 35 degrees.

Tomorrow may be a different story, however, a slight snow accompanied by colder temperatures, is expected by noon.

This forecast brightens the prospects of a white Christmas, providing it's not melted away.

The outlook for Thursday is for warmer temperatures.

Over 550 Road Deaths Seen

CHICAGO (UPI)—The National Safety Council said today between 550 and 650 persons would be killed in traffic accidents during the Christmas holiday weekend.

The holiday officially starts at 6 p.m. local time Thursday and ends at midnight Sunday.

Howard Pyle, president of the safety council, said this year's predictions took into account the 10 per cent rise in traffic fatalities since 1963.

The record for a three-day Christmas holiday, such as this year, was set in 1955 when 609 traffic deaths were recorded. During last year's one-day holiday, 226 persons were killed on the nation's highways.

Patrol Car For Night Shift

Tullytown Debates Getting Police Aid From Falls Twp.

By DYANNE MARRON
Courier-Times Staff Writer

The possibility of Tullytown borrowing police protection from Falls Township for the night shift was discussed last night at an informal gathering of a few Tullytown councilmen and a resident of the borough.

An informal request concerning such a move was recently made to Falls Township supervisor and superintendent Milton Berkes by a councilman. Berkes said he and Chief Franklin Kirby would look into the matter to see how much Falls would charge for such a service and whether or not they would be willing to provide it.

"I don't see how it will save Tullytown any money," Berkes said.

This is not the sole reason for suggesting such a move, according to one councilman. Tullytown has a one-man patrol from midnight until 8 a.m.; Falls patrols two men in a car.

Another reason for such a move is the many recent solved and unsolved burglaries in Tullytown, this councilman said.

Two years ago the suggestion

was made to Tullytown Council to investigate the possibility of borrowing complete police protection from Falls or Bristol Township. At that time the residents of the borough, not wishing to lose their police department, turned out in protest and the move slowly died out.

Mayor Nicholas Eberle said he knew nothing about the informal request to Berkes: "I don't know who has the right on behalf of council to approach Berkes on something not discussed with council."

The mayor who is in charge of the police department — should be consulted first."

Eberle said he is satisfied with conditions in the department at the present and unless he could be shown that such a move would be beneficial to the

borough, he would not consider it.

Concerning borrowing a Falls patrol car for the Tullytown night shift, Chief John Walterick of Tullytown said, "It would be

sort of ridiculous. Half our records would be in Falls and half in Tullytown."

As far as arresting the burglaries is concerned, Walterick said: "They couldn't do any more than us unless Falls patrolled four cars in Tullytown during the night shift." The councilman's request to Falls concerned one car for Tullytown's night shift.

Newtown Resident

Former Auto Dealer, John P. Gaine, Dies

John P. Gaine, retired Newtown automobile dealer, died this morning at 8:20 at his home, 426 Edgeboro Drive, Newtown. He was 69.

Mr. Gaine had suffered a lengthy illness and his condition worsened two weeks ago.

He was the co-owner and president of the former Gaine-Murfit Chevrolet, Inc., Newtown, from 1938 until his retirement in 1956 because of ill health.

He was born in Penns Park to the late John Thompson and Sara Twining Mahan Gaine, lifelong residents of Bucks County, and was himself a lifelong resident of Lower Bucks County.

He was a charter member and past president of the Newtown Exchange Club and had been active in community affairs.

Mr. Gaine was honored last month by the Newtown Exchange Club at a special Veterans Day program for his excellent achievements as chairman of Newtown's wartime scrap drive. In recognition of his accomplishments he was presented a gold-framed roster bearing the names of Newtown's 230 wartime servicemen, and he was also presented a tape and picture record of the ceremony.

He was unable to attend the event because of illness.

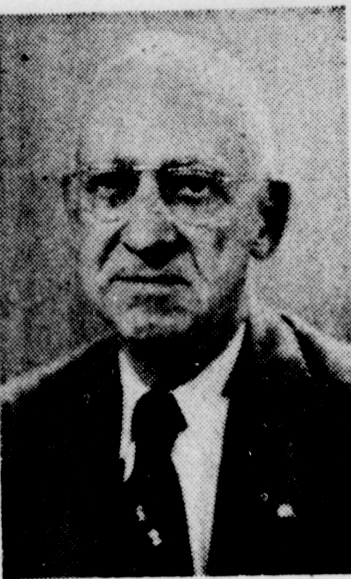
Surviving are his wife, the former Margaret Marie Houder, Newtown long-time correspondent for the Courier-Times, and a sister, Mrs. Robert M. Chapman of Drexel Hill.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. from his late residence.

The Rev. David G. High, pastor of the Newtown Methodist Church, will officiate.

Interment will be in the Newtown Cemetery.

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Friends may call at the residence Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Births

Lower Bucks Hospital

Dec. 20

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hawthorn, 35 Eventide Lane, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ziemak, 7 Ring Lane, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. James Iala, 78 Kindie Lane, Levittown, boy.

Delaware Valley Hospital

Dec. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Santangelo, 49 Kindie Lane, Levittown, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yocum, 666 Center Ave., Cornwells Heights, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kasperitis, 1116 Third Ave., Croydon, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Teyssier, 37 Crimson King Lane, Levittown, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis St. Clair, 147 Pageant Lane, Willingboro, N.J., girl.

Delaware Valley Hospital

Dec. 19

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, 3819 Groveland Ave., Newportville, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, Liberty Bell Trailer Village, Trevoze, boy.

Gallagher's In-Law Dies

Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning for Joseph Sismore, 70, of 1434 W. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia, who died Saturday.

He was the father of Mrs. Lavinia Gallagher of 26 Flower Lane, Farmbrook, Levittown, wife of Bucks County Assemblyman James J. A. Gallagher. Mrs. Sismore was the husband of the late Lavinia M. Sismore.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow from the funeral home of George E. Wittmaier, 6521 N. Broad St., Philadelphia. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, near Glenside. Friends may call this evening.

Page 3 Extra

By Sandy Oppenheimer

Red and green may be the traditional colors of Christmas, but not in the office of Mrs. Cora Holsclaw, assistant superintendent of elementary education for the Pennsbury Schools.

Christmas or not, Mrs. Holsclaw's suite retains its all-pink flavor. At any time of the year, a visitor to her offices located in the Fellsington Elementary School, will be bombarded with a study in pink: walls, bookcases, memo pads, even the artificial poinsettias.

And pink holds sway even now. The office Christmas tree is pink, the bulbs are pink, the wreath over the office door is pink. Obviously, Mrs. Holsclaw is not celebrating a white Christmas.

The most interesting pink effect, though, walks and smiles. She's Miss Karen Banks, 18, Mrs. Holsclaw's secretary since June and a very attractive Miss Bucks County hopeful. Encountered the other day behind a pink desk, she was wearing — what else? — a pink skirt and sweater.

Mrs. June White, of 62 Conifer Road, Levittown, has called our attention to a protective measure that can be taken to keep Christmas trees from catching fire.

A mixture of six ounces of Borax and four ounces of boric acid stirred well in two quarts of water heated to 150 degrees F., and sprayed on the tree will make it non-flammable.

"Spray once and let the tree dry, then spray again," said Mrs. White, "and the tree will stay green and will not burn."

Total cost for this safety measure — about 89 cents.

Why do school teachers resign their jobs?

Most of the reasons are to take up new positions in another district or even another state.

At least that's what the statistics show in Bristol Township.

Of 86 resignations during the past year, 20 township teachers resigned to go to another school district. And 12 others moved out of the state.

Cupid's arrow pierced eight others who were married, 12 left for family reasons.

Other reasons cited included illness, further education, transportation difficulties, pregnancy, personal reasons, retirement, taking another type job, husband transferred, couldn't be full time employee, work in industry, wanting to stay at home with the family and teaching overseas.

Neshaminy In Ceremony For \$3 Million School

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Neshaminy Junior High School were held yesterday by the school district.

The school, which is located two miles north of Langhorne on Route 413, will cost \$3,630,000 and have a capacity for 1,300 students. The classroom section is expected to be ready by Nov. 1, 1965, and the remainder of the building by September of 1966.

The school will primarily serve junior high students, but will be used for a few years by some elementary pupils until a new elementary school is built.

Deliberation

Plans for the school have been in progress for two years. It was originally conceived as a project for the Middletown Township School Board. After months of deliberation, the Neshaminy Joint School Board, of which Middletown is a member, took over the project because of the approaching reorganization of the district.

John E. Paul, business manager of the Neshaminy district, was joined by other members of the administration in an effort to start construction as soon as possible in order to avoid double sessions next year.

At the ceremonies was Charles Haefner, president of the Lower Bucks County - Neshaminy School Authority, which will finance the project. The authority was also represented by Charles Swan, but John Mladjen, secretary, could not attend because of a previous appointment.

Architects

The architectural firm of Haag and d'Entremont drew the plans. The architects were represented by Paul d'Entremont and Donald Matthews.

In attendance from the Neshaminy Board of School Directors were R. Raymond Schuehler, chairman of the building and maintenance committee, William H. Miller, president and Raymond Short, secretary of the Neshaminy Joint Board.

From the administration were

Dr. Oliver S. Heckman, regional superintendent, Gerald Bloom, head principal of the Neshaminy Junior High Schools, George Schwab, administrative assistant to the regional superintendent, Dr. Dimitro Bourandis, assistant regional superintendent in charge of curriculum, and Elmer Hampton, foreman, buildings and grounds.

The general contract firm is

the Wallace Engineering Co., Bryn Mawr. The plumbing contractor is Wolfson & Schnoll, Philadelphia. Heating and ventilating construction contracts went to Charles Knecht and Son, Camden, N.J. and the electrical contractor is McGee Electric Co. of Jenkintown.

Other contracts which have been awarded are: shop equipment, Delta Equipment Co.,

Philadelphia and Warren Balderston Co., Trenton; lockers, Penco Products, Inc., Conshohocken; and auditorium seating, Garrett Buchanan Company, Philadelphia.

The department of public instruction has given final approval for the project to proceed immediately. Bid opening on the bonds for the new school will take place early in January at school authority.

the administration offices of the school district.

The board of school directors has issued to each of the contractors a letter of intent to proceed pending the opening of the bids on the bonds. The letter of intent guarantees the contractors payment for he work done should there be any delay in obtaining the money through the school authority.



Turning over the first dirt at the ground breaking for the Neshaminy Junior High School is (far right) Charles Haefner, president of the Lower Bucks County - Neshaminy School Authority. Watching him are (from left) Paul d'Entremont, the architect from the firm of Haag and d'Entremont; Dr. Oliver S. Heckman, regional superintendent of the Neshaminy Joint School District; Raymond Short, secretary of the joint board; Charles Swan, a member of the authority; and William H. Miller, president of the joint board. (Courier-Times Photo)

Bucks Court Orders Robbery Case Reopened

Man Convicted In 1941 To Get New Trial

Bucks County Judge Lawrence A. Monroe has ordered a new trial for a Philadelphia man convicted of robbery 23 years ago and due to serve in the state penitentiary until 1973.

And the state may not have enough evidence to convict him.

The judge's opinion came after the state superior court ordered the lower court to reopen the case. The inmate, Oscar Orth, appealed the judge's decision on his habeas corpus plea which was turned down by the court a year ago.

Orth maintained he did not have counsel when he pleaded guilty to a Lower Bucks robbery before the late Judge Calvin S. Boyer. Orth was sentenced to eight to 20 years in prison.

Orth's prison term began in July of 1943. He was paroled in July of 1951; recommitted to prison in February, 1952 for a parole violation; repared in July of 1953, and recommitted in December of 1961 for another parole violation.

For this latter crime in Montgomery County, Orth was sentenced to two to four years in prison. The sentence is still pending.

Orth was convicted with two other men, Howard Shilton and Thomas Jeandell, of robbing a Lower Bucks pharmacy on Route 13. Since that time, the owner, and a state trooper who

was the arresting officer, have both died.

District Attorney William J. Carlin yesterday said he has already assigned a detective to the case in hopes of lining up witnesses and turning up evidence.

"If we do not come up with sufficient evidence, I will ask that the case be not pressed (quashed)," Carlin said. "This will be our policy in cases similar to this one."

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Weatherman Predicts Winter Wonderland With Temperatures To Be Below Normal

By SCOOP LEWIS
Courier-Times Staff Writer

Winter officially arrived at 2:50 p.m. yesterday.

Aside from the weatherman reporting that prospects are good for a white Christmas with light snow expected tomorrow, the big question is: How is the winter going to compare with last year? Or other years?

The Old Farmer's Almanac says the average temperature this winter will be 34.15. It was 32 degrees last winter, two degrees below the season normal.

Average Snowfall

Snowfall is expected to be above average. The average snowfall for the Lower Bucks area is 22.6 inches. Last winter we got more than average with a total accumulation of 33.6 inches.

Any way you look at it, it doesn't shape up to be as bitter as the winter of 1962-63.

Remember that one two years ago?

It was a rough winter. In fact, it was the coldest here in 18 years and the fourth coldest of the century.

Temperatures averaged 22.8 degrees, well below the normal then of 34 degrees.

Coldest Winter

The previous coldest winter experienced by Bucks Countians was in 1935-36.

The coldest ever was recorded during the winter of 1917-18 when temperatures averaged 25 degrees through December, January, February and early March.

That bitter cold winter of two years ago produced 20.5 inches of snow, two inches below the normal anticipated. And there weren't any big snowstorms, thanks mainly to mild temperatures which turned the white stuff to rain.

The coldest day of the winter

of 1962-63 was a frigid two below zero on Feb. 8, 1963. By comparison, last winter's low mark was a "warm" eight above zero on Jan. 14, 1964.

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Rebels Attack Congo Village

LEOPOLDVILLE. The Congo (UPI) — Leftist-led Congolese rebels armed with Russian-made machineguns are attacking the key government-held village of Paulis, according to reports reaching here.

In the past weeks Paulis, which includes a railway terminus and an airport, has been surrounded by large numbers of rebels.

Informed sources said Monday government B26 bombers and T28 fighter planes were pounding the area in an effort to ease the situation.

"The First Christmas"

But the Angel of the Lord who had announced Christ's birth was well aware of what Herod had in mind, for wickedness cannot be concealed from an angel.



by Ralph Lane

Four Admit Theft Spree For Money

By SCOOP LEWIS
Courier-Times Staff Writer

Four Levittown teenagers, who have admitted to going on a "spree for money" the past two months, have been arrested by Bristol Township police on charges of breaking into at least 22 houses in three townships.

Detective Lt. Thomas Stewart said the four youths, were picked up at 8 o'clock last night by Patrolman Gerald Stemrich while they were "riding around the township."

They were identified by police as Stephen Deitz, 15, of 198 Dogwood Drive; Richard J. Neely Jr., 16, of 34 Ironwood Road, Indian Creek; Richard A. Gobbo, 17, of 59 Incurve Road, Indian Creek; and Manus Rosso, 16, of 304 Dogwood Drive.

Stewart said more arrests are expected today in what he said "will solve the rash of home burglaries Bristol Township residents have been victims of during the past two months."

Stemrich, while on routine patrol duty last night, spotted six boys riding in a car in the Indian Creek section of Levittown.

From a teletype report sent out earlier by Tredeffrill Township police (suburban Philadelphia) for two runaway boys, Stemrich apprehended the sextet and took them to headquarters for questioning.

Upon investigation by Detectives James Dunn and Jack Haines, the four Levittown youths admitted to breaking into 22 homes. The two runaways were turned over to Tredeffrill authorities.

Levittown Sections

Lt. Stewart said the four teenagers have admitted to breaking into homes in the Kenwood, Oaktree Hollow, Blue Ridge, Indian Creek, Violetwood, Mill Creek Falls, Farmbrook, Crabtree Hollow and Goldenridge sections of Levittown in Bristol Township.

They also admitted to burglarizing homes in the Quincy Hollow and Lower Orchard sections of Levittown in Middletown Township as well as four homes in Falls Township, Stewart stated.

Police have not as yet recovered any money or loot stolen from the homes.

Stewart said the boys admitted to stealing "mostly money." Occasionally they took a ring or a watch from the home, he stated.

Pass Up Jewelry

"They said they were on a spree for money and passed up good jewelry in many of the homes," the lieutenant reported.

The jewelry they did take, they threw away, the boys told police.

The four youths were detained overnight in the Bristol Borough lockup to await further questioning today before being turned over to Bucks County Juvenile authorities for further action.

Stewart said the youths will be charged with burglary, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Weather



SNOW

LOCAL FORECAST: Occasional light rain or snow today, high in 30s. Partly cloudy and colder tonight, low in mid 20s. Tomorrow, cloudy with light snow, high in 30s. Thursday, mostly cloudy and a little warmer.

High yesterday: 34.
Low yesterday: 27.
Low this morning: 31.
Sunset tonight: 4:37 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:19 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 4:37 p.m.

	High	Low	Pcp
Atlanta	41	37	.02
Los Angeles	67	50	
Miami	75	65	
New York	33	30	
San Francisco	63	59	.69

Tomorrow's Tides At Bristol

High 6:23 a.m. Low 1:20 a.m.
High 6:44 p.m. Low 1:31 p.m.

— for the tides at Morrisville, add 15 minutes for high tide and 45 minutes for low tide.

L. Makefield Favors Expanding To 5-Man Board

Pretty As A Christmas Card



Carolers accompanied by Santa Claus were captured in a Christmas card-like pose while they sang Yule songs in the Penn Square section of Lower Makefield recently. Sponsored by the Penn Square Civic Association, Santa made the rounds of homes visit-

ing children while the carolers wrapped up warmly for the cold wintry weather and sang carols. This shot was made at Mrs. John McDonald's home at 45 Lions Drive. (Courier-Times Photo by Bob Curtis)

No Action Made Until January 4

By BEN McELVEEN
Courier-Times Staff Writer

There was little doubt after last night's public hearing in Lower Makefield that the board of supervisors favored petitioning the courts to expand from a three to a five-man unit.

However, the board took no formal action and promised only to make a decision by its first meeting in January.

"We'd at least like to eat a little Christmas dinner," said Chairman Russell Carter, "before announcing our decision."

The hearing was called in the municipal building by the board to air the pros and cons of going from the present three to five members. An estimated 75 persons attended.

Two Can Expand Board

Under state laws covering second class townships, Lower Makefield now qualifies to expand since its population has passed the 10,000 figure. The township would petition the courts, and the courts would make a decision after hearing all sides of the issue.

Supervisor Bill Mackensen started the hearing by reading a resume which pointed out the intricacies involved in expansion.

He noted that the decision would have to be made by early next year in order to meet the deadline for filing names to run in the primary election in April.

Mackensen said that if the decision was not made before filing time, then a group of citizens might petition, and the court could decide after the election.

Voters' Issue Cited

In that eventuality, Mackensen said that the candidates' names would not make it in time to be put on the primary ballot, and thus all the voters would not have a decision in the matter.

It was noted during the meeting that since Lower Makefield has 4,500 registered voters, it would take only five per cent of these, or about 225, to sign a petition to initiate the action.

As a result, the board members favored at least initiating the petition themselves, in order to give the voting public a choice in the matter. If the board did not do it, then a petition could be started by anyone obtaining 225 votes, and if court-approved, then the new supervisors would have to be appointed, rather than elected.

Asked About Need

The first man who spoke asked what was wrong with a three-man board, and why a five-man board was needed. Mackensen answered that a larger board would have advantages and disadvantages.

He said with new members, there would be fresh ideas and a better chance for each man to specialize in one area. At the same time, the disadvantage would be that if an emergency meeting had to be called, then they'd have to summon five rather than three members, which might be difficult.

T. Sidney Caldwell, a Lower Makefield attorney, said he felt the advantages far outweighed the disadvantages.

He noted that Lower Makefield had many qualified young executives and that the board should be expanded to make use of them. He noted that a five-man board might prevent any "hasty" actions, such as the move several years ago to merge police forces with Morrisville.

Vincent S. Wagner, president of the Makefield Civic Association, said that his group had recently met and decided to discuss further the matter of expanding the board.

He said the association had not come out for or against expansion, but had merely approved the decision to air the pros and cons of it.

Mackensen noted that township boards had expanded in Falls Township and Warminster, by petitioning the courts. Carter said he felt the court's decision might rest heavily on the court's previous decisions, both favorable.

'Let Voters Decide'

Robert Newell, a township resident, said he favored doing whatever was necessary to go ahead and put the matter up to the voters, rather than wait and let the new men be appointed.

Len Sheppard, another resident, said he felt it all boiled down — not to whether we'll do it or not — but whether we're going to do it in a democratic way. He suggested a resolution be adopted to move ahead with petitioning the courts in time to get the names on the primary ballot.

Wagner said that the cost would be minimal for two new board members. Supervisors are not salaried. They are paid \$10 per meeting, and with special and regular meetings taken into consideration, they attend about 50 meetings a year. Thus, he noted the cost

Gifts Given To Valley Day School



Refinished furniture was recently donated to the Valley Day School in Woodside by the Yardley-Lower Makefield Junior Chamber of Commerce. The items included chairs, sofas, tables and lamps. Mrs. Martin Toff,

assistant teacher at the school, is shown accepting the gifts from Jaycee officials, Kenneth Andrews (left) and Walt White man. (Courier-Times Photo)

Work Starts In Jan.

Morrisville Awards Meter Contracts

Installation of water meters throughout the Morrisville area is expected to start in January and should be completed by June.

That's the word today from Robert H. Steward, borough manager, who reported that contracts have been awarded for the installation of 2,505 meters in the area serviced by the Morrisville Sewer and Water Authority.

Steward said the work is expected to begin in the outlying areas. The meters will be installed in homes and businesses, starting with Lower Makefield, then Falls and finally Morrisville.

To Start In M'field

The first installation will be made in Edgemoor Gardens, Arborela and Oakdale sections of Lower Makefield. Then, the work will continue in the DeCou section of Falls Township. Finally, the meters will be installed in the third ward, first ward, second and fourth wards in Morrisville, in that order.

The contracts for the work were awarded last Friday night during a meeting between the municipal authority and members of the Borough Council's water committee.

The contracts went to the low bidders: for meters, the Rockwell Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, \$71.75; for meter setting equipment, Pennsylvania Waterworks Supply Co., Horsham, \$18,233, and for meter installations, N. F. Schwartz plumbing Co., Trenton, \$8,207 or \$3.35 per unit.

Borough Council several months ago authorized meter installation throughout the Morrisville area, in a move designed to cut down on water use and solve the water shortage problem during peak use in summer months.

Officials Urged To Be Santas

A suggestion that the Lower Makefield Board of Supervisors indulge a bit during the Christmas season and buy itself a gift was made last night.

T. Sidney Caldwell, a Yardley lawyer who lives in the township, made the suggestion at the conclusion of the regular monthly supervisors' meeting in the municipal building.

As the board made a motion to adjourn, Caldwell spoke up and said, "Gentlemen, it seems to me that during this Christmas season, the board might indulge a bit and buy itself a coat rack and a few hangers for coats." The meeting hall has none at present.

The supervisors took the recommendation under advisement, and with a little mirth.

In Marines



Marine Private Danny E. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wilson of 24 E. Post Road, Morrisville, recently completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He will report to Camp Lejeune, N.C. for combat infantry training.

Boro Offices To Be Closed

The Morrisville Borough Manager's office will close early Thursday and will not be open on Friday in observance of the Christmas holidays, it was announced today.

Robert H. Steward, borough manager, said the office will close at 1 p.m. Thursday and will not open again until 8 a.m. on Monday.

The office will be open next week through Thursday. It will again be closed on Friday, Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year's holiday. The office is at 635 N. Delmor Avenue.

There will be no garbage collection this Friday in the area from Palmer St. to Bridge St. Collection will be made in this area on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Bristol Man Found Dead In Makefield

A Bristol man was found dead in a parked car late yesterday in Lower Makefield Township by a patrolman riding past who noticed a turn signal light on the car flashing.

Sgt. Charles Rinaldo of Lower Makefield police discovered Omer Cunningham Jr., 23 of 681 Mansion St. slumped over in the driver's seat. A note was found in the car, police said.

Sgt. Rinaldo said he found a hose linking the exhaust pipe to the rear window of the 1963-model sedan. The car's motor was still running. It was found at 5:25 p.m. on Oxford Valley Road.

Sgt. Rinaldo attempted to revive the man by artificial resuscitation and summoned the Union Fire Co. ambulance of Morrisville to assist, but all attempts failed.

John C. Black, Bucks County coroner, ruled this morning the death was a suicide by carbon monoxide poisoning, and said the note explained the man was having family difficulties.

A native of Uniontown, Cunningham had married four months ago and was employed by the U.S. Pipe Co. in Burlington, N.J. He had no children.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, a brother who lived with him in Bristol, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Cunningham of Uniontown.

The funeral will be held in Uniontown.

ANNIVERSARY

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (UPI)—Kern County, which will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding in 1966, is calling attention to the event with two-color promotional labels attached to all outgoing mail. The label design features the county's petroleum and agricultural resources.

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